

**2004**

**Midway Boosters Historian  
Book**



## *Midway Boosters*

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Midway Boosters has been going strong since 1947. A Midway civic organization developed to preserve and perpetuate the cultural, social, and spiritual traditions of those who settled and built our community.

The Midway Boosters are proud sponsors of the following Festivals and Celebrations: Swiss Miss Pageant & Activities, the July 4th "sunrise" Patriotic Meeting, Midway's Honored Citizen, Swiss Days, Swiss Days Parade, Swiss Christmas, Interfaith Crèche Exhibit.

The Midway Boosters also sponsor the Swiss Chorus and Swiss Bell Ringers during each year. Gary Lloyd is the current President of the Midway Boosters for the year 2004. We are pleased to be a member and supporter of the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce.



# Midway Booster Projects Timeline

January - December 2004

Item	Project	Duration	Start	Finish
1.	Assignments for Board members	3 days	1/5/04	1/10/04
2.				
1.	4 <sup>th</sup> of July	1 day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	
2.	4 <sup>th</sup> of July cleanup	1 day	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	8-15
3.	Swiss Days time line	1 month	7-15	8-30
4.	Swiss Days activity	2 days	8-29	9-2
5.	Swiss Days clean-up	2 days	9-1	10-16
6.	Swiss Christmas prep	1 month	9-16	10-16
7.	Swiss Christmas caroling	1 month	9-16	
8.	Town Square caroling	1 day	9	10-10
9.	Fall Planting - park/cemetery clean-up	10 days	10-1	10-30
10.	Establish nominating committee	1 mth	10-1	10-15
11.	Interviews for officers	10 days	10-5	
12.	Refurbish Christmas decorations	1 day	11-14	12-6
13.	Set-up Christmas décor. Town Hall, etc	1 day	11-15	
14.	Nominations of new Board members	2 days	12-5	
15.	Swiss Christmas cleanup	1 day	12-8	
16.	Annual Christmas Party	1 day	12-13	
17.	Publish list of new officers & next year's meeting schedule	1 day	12-20	
18.	Town Caroling on Square	1 day	12-24	

Attendance by Board members of concerts by Swiss Chorus, Swiss Bell Ringers, and Other Booster sponsored events.



# 2004 Proposed Booster Assignments by NAME

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Position

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Co-Chairs, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activity

Swiss Christmas Committee

4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee

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Mayor Bill Probst



## Midway Booster Objectives and Goals for 2003

Executive committee will plan and provide leadership to the Booster board by:

- a. Selecting chairs and committee members for each Booster committee for the calendar year to be in place not later than January 20, 2003.
- b. Provide to each committee after reviewing budget requests, sufficient funding to operate for the calendar year.
- c. Receive objectives and goals from each committee, as requested, meet with each committee to confirm the implementation of those goals for the year and provide support as requested.

The Booster President will accept leadership responsibilities including:

- a. The recommendation of chairs and members of the various committees and submit them for approval to the executive committee and board. This assignment will be completed by January 15, 2003
- b. Meet with each committee chair, review goals, objectives, and budgets by February 27, 2003.
- c. Develop program and select chair for new Booster Town Hall series of concerts called "Saturday Family Night at Town Hall".
- d. Develop overall budget for 2003 for approval by executive committee and board.
- e. Meet on periodic basis with Mayor Probst to assist in any matters relating to joint coordination and cooperation.

- f. Attend Town Hall council meetings when requested by the Mayor and City Council.
- g. With executive committee approval contact the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce to determine the advisability of joining the Chamber for purposes of valley wide coordination. Complete by February 15, 2003.
- h. Serve on the Business Alliance committee representing the Boosters each month.
- i. Serve on the Midway Swiss Day's committee as called for in our by-law's.
- j. Serve, at the pleasure of the Mayor, on the Town Beautification committee.
- k. Coordinate with each of the committee chairs of the board on a regular and continuing basis throughout the year.
- l. Preside at all official meetings of the board and of the executive committee during the year 2003.
- m. Sign all checks of the corporation with the treasurer for the orderly dispersion of funds of board.
- n. Be available to any and all members of the board of directors as requested.
- o. Represent the board as requested for any activity or function by any outside organization with prior approval by the executive committee.



# Midway's Town Hall Renovation

BY ROBIN JOHNSON  
Wave Staff Writer

In one week, Midway's pride and joy – the Town Hall – will be well on its way to being restored to its former glory. This latest phase of the Midway Booster's renovation of the building completes the first three phases of the project.

This latest interim renovation is part of an "extended" five year project that began in 2001. One of the first visible projects began with the Booster's purchase of new padded folding chairs. The facility's music room and Booster room were repainted and spruced up. Extensive electrical work has been done, including installing a new sound system, and problems in the basement were addressed. Still on the Booster's to-do list are new curtains and draperies.

In this latest phase, the Boosters concentrated on new paint and installing new light fixtures. Warren Dinter, Booster representative, said because of funding restrictions, the Boosters created this interim phase to finish projects begun in phases one, two, and three, but were left unfinished due to funding shortages.



Gerhard Mounet, artist and painter, has created the building's most outstanding interior feature – Swiss murals. Two of Mounet's mural grace both sides of the hall's stage. The wood work and the light paint throughout the hall compliment Mounet's murals and help create a peaceful ambience.

Mounet is well known in Midway for his interior and exterior artwork. His work is showcased on many of Midway's local landmarks – The Blue Boar Inn, Cottages on the Green, and Swiss Oaks, as well as on numerous private residences.

The Boosters had one concern about mixing basketball and the freshly painted interior walls of the Hall – when basketball is played, the balls often hit walls. Dinter was reassuring. He said the paint used for Mounet's murals soaks into the plaster and becomes part of the wall. The murals shouldn't chip if a basketball hits them.

During this last week of renovation, Mounet will finish painting the foyer with more Swiss-themed murals. He will leave space for the Swiss Cantons that traditionally hung around the top of the walls. A local Boy Scout troop removed them as a service project and, hopefully, will replace them.

This phase of renovation also includes a commemorative Olympic display on the east wall of the foyer. Dinter said Midway photographer Brian Murphy designed the display. Dinter and Murphey worked together to create it. Murphy hung the sheet rock, framed the display, and decided on the placement of Olympic memorabilia and his photographs documenting Midway's part in the Olympics. Dinter built the display case that houses it all.

"I think the town can be very proud," Dinter said. "It looks real, real good in there. The Boosters have put a lot of money and time into the project ... and town members have been real supportive. One week from now we are going to be all done."

Dinter said with the completion of this latest phase, the Boosters will turn their attention to financing the installation of a new ceiling. The building's ceiling is made up of 1950's ceiling tiles. Dinter said the Booster's want a ceiling that will complement the newly painted interior walls.













Midway resident Brian Murphey created this display of 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic photos and memorabilia. The display showcases Midway's part in the Olympics. Murphy and Midway Booster Warren Dinter built the display case located in the Midway Town Hall.

Wave photo by Robin Johnson







## Boosters Keep Busy Getting Ready For Summer Activities

BY GARY M. LLOYD, PRESIDENT  
MIDWAY BOOSTERS

The Midway Boosters are fortunate to work alongside some of the greatest volunteers that any community could hope for. Each year with the support of hundreds of townspeople the Boosters either sponsor or join others in participating in activities and events that strengthen and lift the whole community. Our mayor and town council provide us with the facilities and opportunities to accomplish so many things for the benefit of the total community.

On March 27th, as in past years, the Boosters sponsored the Swiss Miss Pageant in which nine young ladies competed for the opportunity to become the Swiss Miss for 2004. Regan Zite was selected as Swiss Miss, with Hannah Kelson as first attendant and Rachael Kohler, Kimberly Kohler and Abby Hobbs serving as attendants.

The official Independence Day event for Midway will be held on July 5th with the 7:00 a.m. Patriotic Assembly at Town Square. The Boosters featured speaker this year will be Elder Russell Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Winners of the Patriotic Essay Contest will also speak and our Swiss Chorus will sing. Following the assembly, an all you can eat breakfast will be sponsored by the LDS 4th Ward in the Midway Stake. Later that evening, the Boosters and Wasatch County will join in sponsoring the large fireworks display from Memorial Hill. Chairing this years event are Lyle and Nola Gertsch.

On Friday September 3rd and Saturday September 4th, the Boosters will host Swiss Days with even more booths and food booths for the almost 80,000 guests who gather in our town to enjoy the warmth of over 500 Midway volunteers who assist in making this event bigger and better each year. Head of the committee this year is Don Pugmire. There will also be great music and programs for our enjoyment during this event. The Swiss Chorus and Swiss Bell Ringers will add to the great spirit of this event. Oh yes, get ready for the Swiss parade. Again this year, Wade Kelson will chair the parade.

The last quarter of the year the Boosters will also sponsor Swiss Christmas, and for the second year, sponsor the great Creche exhibit. Holly Zenger, Julie Owens, will chair this event and over 300 volunteers will be under their direction again this year.

This is only a part of what this community participates in each year and as Boosters, we feel it a privilege to be a part of this great community spirit.

## Midway Boosters Present "Swiss Miss Pageant"

The annual Midway Swiss Miss Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m., and will be held in the Midway Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

This pageant is for girls ranging from 10-13 years of age and live in the city of Midway. This year we have nine girls trying out for the honor of being on the 2004 Swiss Miss Royalty.

## Swiss Chorus Geared Up For Fabulous Year

The Swiss Chorus will begin rehearsals in May for the annual Fourth of July Celebration with the chorus singing three of the most beloved patriotic songs in choral literature. Conductor Marilyn Norris has chosen "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" which contains the beautiful words emblazoned on the Statue of Liberty, offering refuge to oppressed people all over the world. Also "Let There Be Peace On Earth, which will feature a solo by renowned actress/ singer Roberta Shore, who made the song popular in the 1960's. The third number will be "It's a Grand Old Flag."

The Swiss Chorus will then switch gears and begin rehearsing for the Swiss Days Concert to be held Friday and Saturday nights during Swiss Days.

In an all-out effort to show support for the Swiss Chorus, the Booster organization sent out a poll a few months ago. Over 150 questionnaires were sent out to former members to get suggestions on how the chorus could improve. A surprising majority of questionnaires were returned most within the first two weeks. Great effort has been made to address every single issue. Many people signed their questionnaire and those who did were willing to share greater insight on specific issues that were important to them.

"I personally want the Chorus to know that we are fully supportive and committed financially and morally to those singers, conductors and all who work behind the scenes to make the 2004 program the best ever. We are grateful for all the hours of dedication and sacrifice by each and every participant," said Gary Lloyd, Booster President.

The conductor for this year will be Marilyn Norris with Nadine Turner as assistant director. Both of these women are well-qualified, and offer a phenomenal amount of musical experience that will enhance the program greatly.

Music selection was an important issue to nearly every participant in the survey questionnaire. Mrs. Norris has taken great effort to choose music that addresses those concerns. The music will be fun to sing and sure "crowd pleasers." Alva Kohler has been a major influence in the area of music-selection as he has sung in the chorus almost from its inception and well-remembers the great music (some mostly forgotten) available in the choral library.

Music selection for the program will be complete before the opening social and the chorus will know exactly what songs will be rehearsed each week.

The opening social will be held Thursday, May 13th at the Johnson Mill Bed and Breakfast. The potluck dinner will be a fun time for all former choir members and all who would like to join the choir to get acquainted and get a little preview of what we can expect this year. The chorus is open to anyone who loves to sing and all are invited and encouraged to attend the social. Please call Charlene Johnson at 654-4333 to RSVP and volunteer for food assignments.

ATTENTION ALL WASATCH VALLEY SINGERS; BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!



You've Got a Friend in Me

2004 Swiss Miss Pageant





**Regan Zite, Swiss Miss 2004:** Daughter of Ed and Jan Zite.

Regan has three brothers and a sister who all love her. She will be going into the fifth grade at Midway Elementary. Regan clogs with Mountain Valley Extreme and tumbles with Heber Handspringers where she competes in both on a National level. she also plays the piano and violin. Regan enjoys most sports and loves to ski. But her favorite thing to do is spend time with her family and play with her friends. Regan is so excited to take part in Swiss Day's and absolutely loves living in Midway.

**Hannah Kelson, First Attendant:** Daughter of Clint and Mindy Kelson.

Hannah is a ten year old honor student at Midway Elementary and is looking forward to her fifth grade year. She participates on the Wasatch Dance Center "Company" team where she has specialized in dance for the past 5 years . Hannah is in voice training as well as piano and enjoys performing when she has an opportunity. she excels in all types of athletics, here favorite being basketball and softball. Hannah enjoys spending time with here family and many friends. She is excited to be part of the Swiss Miss Royalty this year.

**Rachael Kohler, Attendant:** Daughter of Mike and Laurie Kohler.

Rachael is the youngest child and only girl in here family of five older brothers. Her name Rachael comes from her four great-great grandmothers who share the same name. Her last name Kohler comes from here ancestors that came from Switzerland four generations ago and settled in Midway. Rachael will be in the seventh grade this year. She enjoys sports of all kinds, mainly soccer and basketball. She is on the county competition soccer team. Her first love is playing the piano, but she also plays the violin. She performs with the River Meadows Ballet Company doing ballet and jazz Dance.

**Abby Hobbs, Attendant:** Daughter of Barry and Lori Hobbs.

Abby is ten years old and is in the fifth grade at Midway Elementary. she loves school and has had the enriching opportunity of participating in the district's new gifted program. She especially likes reading and creative writing. Abby participates in a variety of activities and loves everything she does. She is an enthusiastic basketball player and really enjoys playing Jr Jazz as well as many other sports and outdoor activities. She is a talented singer, loves to dance and is a member of the Broadway Performing group. Abby also plays the violin and the piano. She loves representing Midway as part of the Swiss Miss Royalty.

**Kimberly Kohler, Attendant:** Daughter of John and Sunny Kohler.

Kimberly is the oldest and only daughter of her family and she has three younger brothers. Her ancestors were some of the first settlers in midway. Kimberly will soon be 11 and she is very excited to start in the fifth grade at Midway Elementary. Her talents are voice, piano and dance. She studies dance at Academy of Dance where she is a member of the dance team. Her hobbies are swimming, softball, reading, camping and scrap booking. Kimberly is very proud of here Swiss heritage and honored to share her love of Midway with others.

**Kim Kohler is also Miss Congeniality**





Hannah

Kimberly

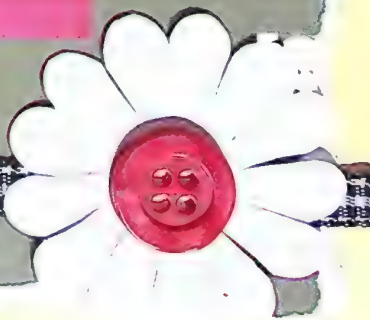
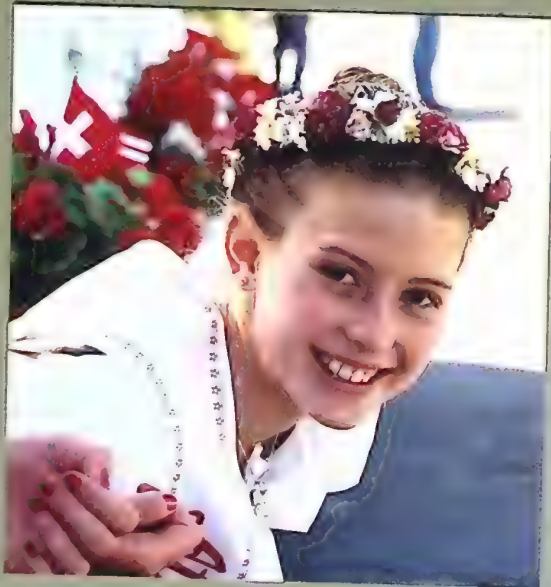
Regan

# Swiss miss

Abby

Rachael









Swiss Miss Regan Zite, 1st Attendant Hannah Kelson, other Attendants Abby Hobbs, Rachael Kohler and Kim Kohler.

The Swiss Miss Royalty 2004 participated in five parades. Spent over two days a week working with Mindy Sims to create a great program. The Swiss program consisted of five song and dance routines. They had sleepovers where they rehearsed all night long. It was a great honor for these girls to represent Midway and Swiss Days. The families spent many hours together working on floats, performances and also a great BBQ hosted by the Zite family. For a service project the girls planted flowers at the City Office building and spent hours raising money for the Children's Justice Center.



# Quarterly Community Calendar



July



~Throughout the Month~

**Every Wednesday in July: Soldier Hollow/Sundance Mountain Bike Series** - For novice to expert riders and youth. Alternates every other week between Soldier Hollow (July 7) and Sundance. 435-654-2002, [www.soldierhollow.com](http://www.soldierhollow.com) or 801-223-4849, [www.sundanceresort.com](http://www.sundanceresort.com)

**Every Thursday in July: Concerts in the Park Series** - at the Heber City Park at 6:30pm. Enjoy free entertainment provided by fabulous musicians. Bring your picnic basket and blanket or lawn chairs and join us for a fun evening of top-rate entertainment.

**July 3, 10, 24, 30: Campfire Program at Wasatch Mountain State Park** - at the Campground Amphitheater. the 10th features "Hawks Up Close". Call 435-654-1791 for more info.

**July 9, 23: Sunset Special BBQ Train** - Fun-filled Sunset Special evening train rides featuring BBQ dinner and first class entertainment. 6:00pm Call the HVRR at 435-654-5601.

**July 10, 17, 31: Murder Mystery Train** - When the train departs, we'll need your help to solve the crime! The fun begins at 6:00 pm at the old depot. Call HVRR at 654-5601.

**July 2: Inn on the Creek Dinner & Jazz Revue** - Pauline Perry and the Up the Creek Band perform a musical variety following dinner prepared by Executive Chef Charlie Perry. 435-654-0892

**July 3: Sundance Super D Race Series** - A cross between X-Country racing and Downhill racing, Super D is a race against the clock. 801-223-4849, [www.sundanceresort.com](http://www.sundanceresort.com)

**July 5: Independence Day Celebration in Midway** - Sunrise Services at 7am includes musical numbers and posting of the Colors by Fife and Drum Corp, guest Speaker Elder Russell M. Nelson, patriotic Music by the Swiss Chorus. Breakfast follows the program at the Midway Town Square. More entertainment throughout the day and fireworks from Memorial Hill at dusk.

**July 9: Heber Valley Aero Museum Hangar Dance** - Catch the thrilling arrival of WWII Bombers and stay for a evening of dancing to the music of the Wasatch High School Jazz Band. Dress up in your finest 40's attire and jitter-bug the night away! 6:00pm, 435-654-1826.

**July 10: Heber Valley Air Show & Bomber Tour** - Featuring warbirds, vintage aircraft and amateur-built sport aircraft, flight display including WWII B-17 and B-24 bombers, a P-51, t-28, MIG-15, Stearman and more. Starting at 9:00am going throughout the day (435) 657-1826

**July 11: Mountain Bike Biathlon at Soldier Hollow** - Combines mountain biking and shooting. Open to all ages, no prior experience is necessary. call 435-654-2002.

**July 17: Summer Art Festival** - Enjoy a day of Art and Music, watch artisans at work, listen to local entertainers, All free! at Heber Old Town (650 W. 100 S), 11am until 6pm. 435-654-9900.

**July 18: North American Unicycle Championships at Soldier Hollow** - Mountain events including a 10K trail race and downhill event. Unicycles available for public try out. 435-654-2002

**July 24: Pioneer Day Celebration in Charleston** - Enjoy community parade and carnival games, volleyball and basketball tournaments, entertainment, dutch-oven cooking contests, entertainment throughout the day. End the day with fireworks. (435) 654-7177

**July 24: Fiddlers & Fireworks Pioneer Day Train** - Old-Time Fiddlers performing, pizza and a great view of the Charleston fireworks reflecting over the lake on the HVRR. 8:00pm. 435-654-5601

**July 30: Incahoots Cowboy Poetry** - Campfire Program at Wasatch Mountain State Park, Classic cowboy poetry, side-splitting laughs and great country music. 7:00 pm, 435-654-1791

**July 31: Annual Wasatch County Demolition Derby** - Kick off the annual Wasatch County Fair watching drivers crash and destroy their competition. 7:00pm, registration- (435) 654-4474



FOURTH  
OF

JULY





BY TREVOR JACKSON  
Grade 6, Rocky Mountain Middle School  
son of Travis & Jennifer Jackson

Citizenship, say the word; what comes to mind? What is the definition of Citizenship anyway? The definition of citizenship from the dictionary is, "the status of a citizen with rights and duties." In other words, it means you as a citizen of your country have rights, but you also have duties. What are your rights? What are your duties?

Your rights as a United States citizen are found in the Constitution, in the Bill of Rights, and in other amendments to the Constitution. Some of the most important rights are the right to vote, the right to a trial by jury, the right to bear arms, and the rights of freedom of speech, of the press, and of religion.

Your main duties as a United States citizen are to be informed of important issues and to carefully read and listen to find the facts, to serve on a jury if you're called, to serve in the armed forces if you're called, to pay taxes, to obey the law, and to vote.

As a youth, two of the most important things I can do are getting a good education and staying informed of current events. If I get a good education in life, I can get a good job to be productive and pay taxes that helps my country. Our government wants youths like me to get a good education for that reason. That's why they invest money in our schools. In 5th grade this year we have learned a lot about American History. I'm so glad I got to do that this year because it makes me appreciate even more living in this country.

I also competed this year in a contest called the Great American Award. We had to memorize and learn about some of the most important events in our country. I learned about the history and memorized the Pledge of Allegiance, the Star Spangled Banner, the Gettysburg Address, the Preamble to the Constitution, the States and their Capitals in alphabetical order, the Presidents of the United States, and an amendment to the Constitution. At the end of the contest, eight winners got to go to Washington D.C. I was chosen as one of the winners and I got to go on that trip and I was so amazed! I learned more about our American History than I could have dreamed. It was a great experience that I think everyone should have. I can look back to the trip when I am 90 and say that was one of the best experiences in life. Getting a good education is important and I'm glad that I am getting one.

The second thing that I can do as a youth citizen is to keep in touch and be knowledgeable with current events. As an American Citizen, I should know what is going on with my country. Even though I can't vote, I should read and listen about candidates and know who I would vote for if I could vote. Right now I watch the news on television and find news on the Internet to find out more about Iraq and the future election. By doing this I can stay informed about my country and be ready to provide my opinion and my vote when I am old enough.

Citizenship is an important word. Citizenship in our country provides me with many important rights and duties. It is truly a blessing and I am thankful to live in this great country and to be free to learn and to participate in the future of my country.

# JULY 4th Student Essays

BY SAMUEL TAYLOR

Grade 12, Wasatch High School  
son of Curt & Mary Taylor

The responsibilities of citizenship, particularly in this great country, are remarkable. Responsibility is placed on each capable U.S. citizen to vote, seek employment, and provide service to others in need. However, the remarkable thing about these responsibilities is not necessarily the responsibilities themselves, but it is the tendency of them to return to each citizen as a blessing.

As one comes of age, one is expected to find employment and begin to support oneself. Not surprisingly, this is an enormous responsibility to be placed on an individual's shoulders. On the other hand, having a job comes back as a blessing, not only in wages, but also in skills, work ethic, financial security, and confidence. In this way, the responsibility that comes with citizenship to seek employment returns as a blessing.

A relatively unique and bril-

liant principle is utilized in a democracy. This principle is voting; placing the responsibility of electing officials to represent the people in government on the people. Each eligible citizen over 18 years of age receives the opportunity to vote. This, indeed, is a great responsibility. Each person must vote to have a working form of democracy. But, as with employment, voting has a way of coming back as a blessing. Voters generally can enjoy good laws and good leaders in a peaceful fashion.

One more responsibility is that of service. Each citizen must realize the responsibility to help others as much as possible. Those with abundant blessings - wealth, skills, and good health - ought to share with those who are less fortunate. Helping others through service is one of the inherent joys of life. Naturally, this joy is a great blessing to any who unselfishly serve others.

As we fulfill our responsibilities such as voting, seeking employment, and serving others, they certainly return to us as blessings. Beyond doubt, citizenship in a great country such as ours is a blessing hidden in a responsibility.





BY MARC JACKSON

Grade 4, home school  
son of Travis & Jennifer Jackson

I'm glad that I live in America where I am free. I have many blessings living in America. I'm free to choose what religion I want to believe in. I can leave the country and come back whenever I want to. I feel very safe living in America. All children can get a good education and when they grow up they can get good jobs if they want to. Nobody tells you what you have to be when you grow up. You can have dreams and work hard to be whatever you want to be.

I've learned as a Cub Scout that I have responsibilities as an American citizen. As an American citizen I can help plant things to make our country more beautiful. I can pick up trash and not litter. I've learned that our flag is very special and that we need to show respect and keep it clean.

I can be a good citizen by looking out for and helping my neighbors. I used to help my neighbor by picking weeds in her yard and taking her vegetables from my garden. I felt very good when I'd help her and she was always so happy. That's what being a good citizen is about, helping each other.

I recently went to Memorial Hill. All the people from Wasatch County that served in the military have their names at the top of Memorial Hill. I'm sad that people have given their lives in war but glad they would serve to protect our country. They were good citizens because they protected their country.

We should all remember the sacrifice others have made for us and be the best citizen we can.

BY KRISTOPHER POWELL

Grade 9, Wasatch Mountain Junior High School  
Son of Kraig & Kim Powell

There are many, many consequences that come from being a citizen of the United States of America, Utah, and Wasatch County. Most of them are great benefits that make life much more pleasurable. There are also a few strings attached, but they're a small price to pay for all of the blessings of citizenship.

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I am also overjoyed that we have such great armed forces that can protect us from practically anything. I am very grateful for all of the men and women who are willing to serve for this country's safety. It must be frightening to leave your family and go to a different country where you are always in danger, and I am very thankful to everyone who has ever done that for the good of this country.

When I turn 18, I will be required to register so that I can be drafted as soon as the safety of our country is at stake. If our country didn't have such good armed forces, our country would be pretty much free for the taking, and I'm sure none of us want that. We should be so thankful for everyone who's willing to serve in the military, and we should be happy about making ourselves available to serve, too.

Eighteen is also the age citizens are allowed to vote, and there is really no good reason not to vote and support your opinion. I am planning to vote at all possible times when I turn 18, and I am looking forward to it.

I am eagerly anticipating finishing my education with a good college degree, and getting a good moderate paying

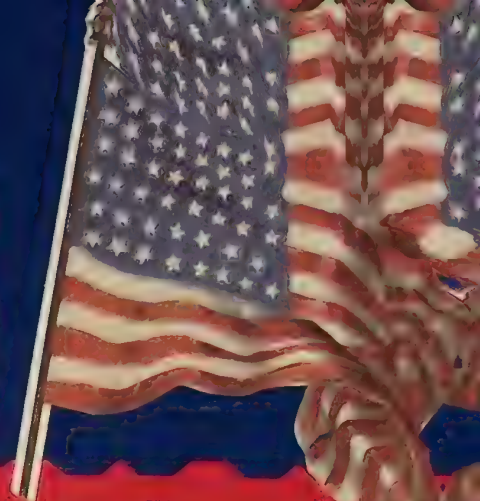
job so that I can raise a family. To get most of the good jobs that fall into that category, you have to be a citizen, so I'm glad I am one.

In order to keep control over us and establish rule, the government has made laws to keep this country a safe place. For instance, we are asked to wear our seatbelts, stop at stop signs, etc., and as a reminder for the upcoming Fourth of July, not use illegal fireworks.

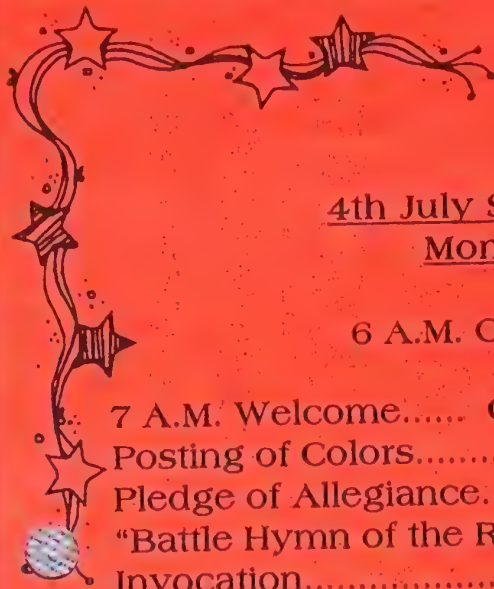
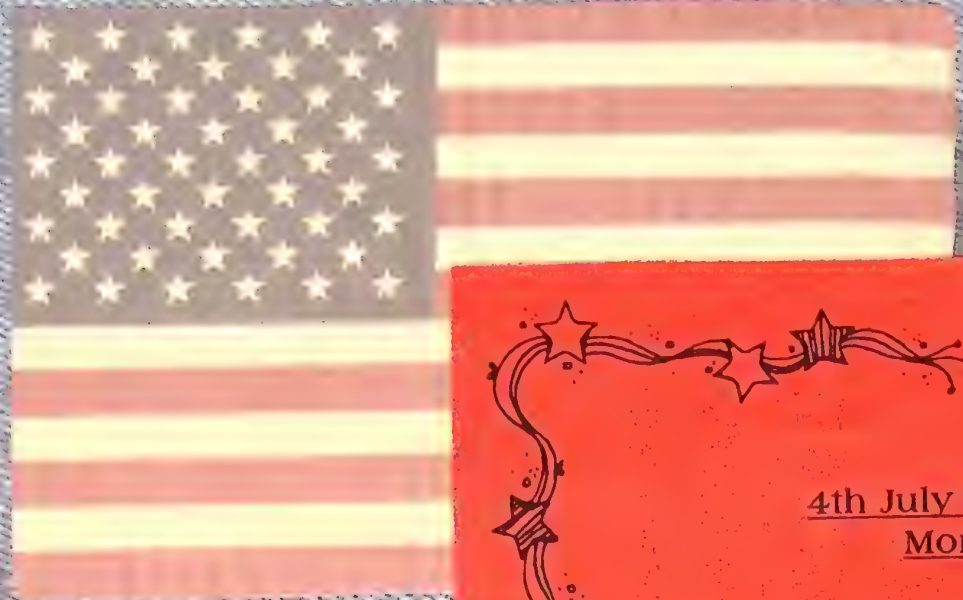
We are also asked to not litter, and to always look for garbage cans, or hold our trash until we see one. We should recycle whenever possible. This is not at all a hard task, and I know we can all do it.

One of the major things that has made this country so great is something that we can all do every day: volunteer. Volunteer work is a great thing, especially since it isn't required, and that is what makes it so special. Donating money to scouts, participating in a food drive, or helping a neighbor with a yard project are all great form of volunteer work that all of us can do, and make the world a better place.

Overall, it really is an overwhelming blessing, but also a responsibility, to be a citizen of this country, state, and city, and I am very, very grateful that I can be one.





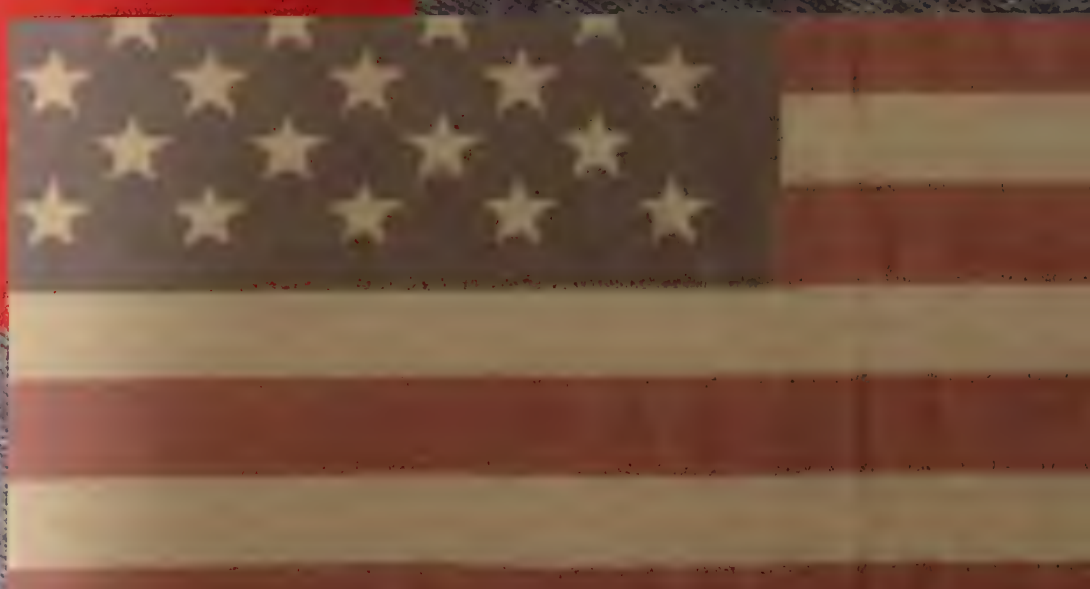


4th July Sunrise Program  
Monday, July 5

6 A.M. Cannon Wake Up

7 A.M. Welcome..... Gary Lloyd, Booster President  
Posting of Colors..... Fife & Drum Corps  
Pledge of Allegiance..... Jacob Provost  
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"... Fife & Drum Corps  
Invocation..... Pres. Wayne W. Probst  
"Patriotic Fantasy"..... Swiss Chorus  
Director- Marilyn Norris  
Assistant Director – Nadine Turner  
Accompanist – Marilyn Larsen  
Guest Instrumentalist - Nile Steiner  
Honored Citizens Announcement..... Joan Rasband  
Essay Contest Winners ..... Dean Hughes  
"Let There Be Peace on Earth"..... Swiss Chorus  
Guest Soloist Jymme Fredrekson (Roberta Shore)  
Speaker, Elder Russell M. Nelson..Intro. Gary Lloyd  
"Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" ..... Swiss Chorus  
"Taps" and Retire the Colors..... Fife & Drum Corps  
Benediction:..... Cass Ho  
Drum Line..... Wasatch High School  
All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast..... M 4<sup>th</sup> Ward

10 P.M..... Fireworks Memorial Hill





# Fourth of July Celebrations

## Fun and Fireworks

HEBER VALLEY — Fourth of July celebrations in Wasatch County actually took place on Monday, July 5, because the "Fourth" fell on a Sunday.

The day began, as is tradition, in Midway with its Sunrise Service followed by a community pancake breakfast.

LDS Apostle Russell Neilson was a key speaker during the service. The crowd also enjoyed the annual concert and traditional military band in period clothing.

Every Fourth of July, the Midway Boosters hold a patriotic essay contest for students. The students write to a theme. This year's theme was "Citizenship: A Blessing and Responsibility."

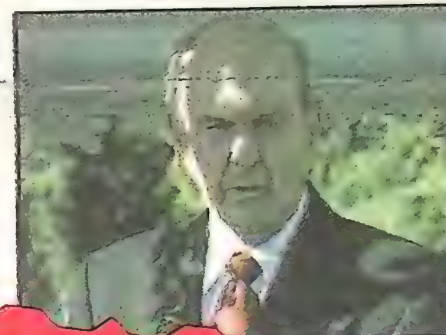
The Boosters offer prize money to the winning essayists up to \$100. This year's winners were Marc Jackson, Trevor Jackson, Kristopher Michael Powell, and Samuel Taylor. The schools they attend and their parents are listed with their essays.

The student essayists share the Sunrise Service podium with distinguished guests who are scheduled to speak at the event, generally held in the Midway Town Square gazebo. Past essay winners have recited their work in the company of famous politicians, artists, writers, and a Vietnam War hero and a prisoner of war.

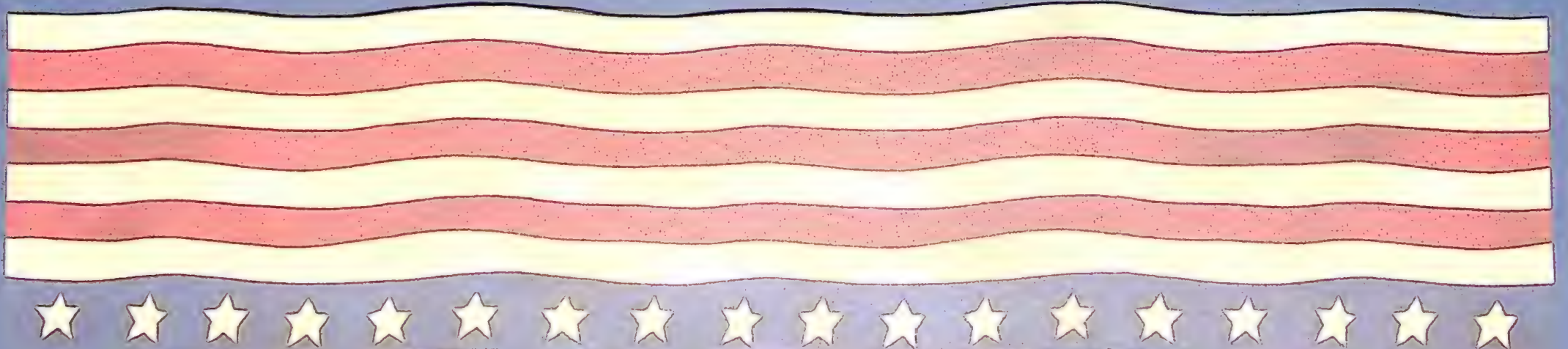


This year *The Wasatch Wave* is publishing the four outstanding essays chosen by the Boosters. It is our belief, that even those who slept in on the "Fourth," and didn't make it to the 7 a.m. service wouldn't want to miss sampling the talent our local youth.

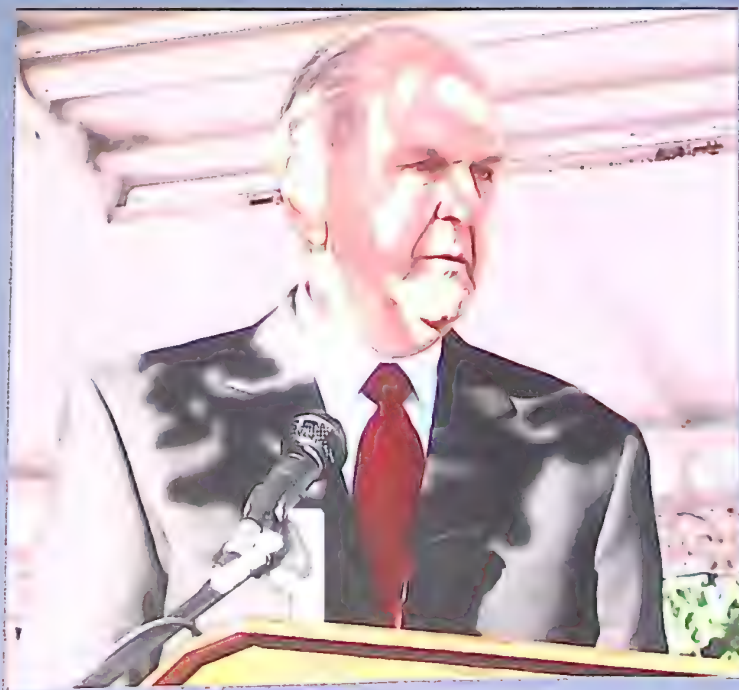
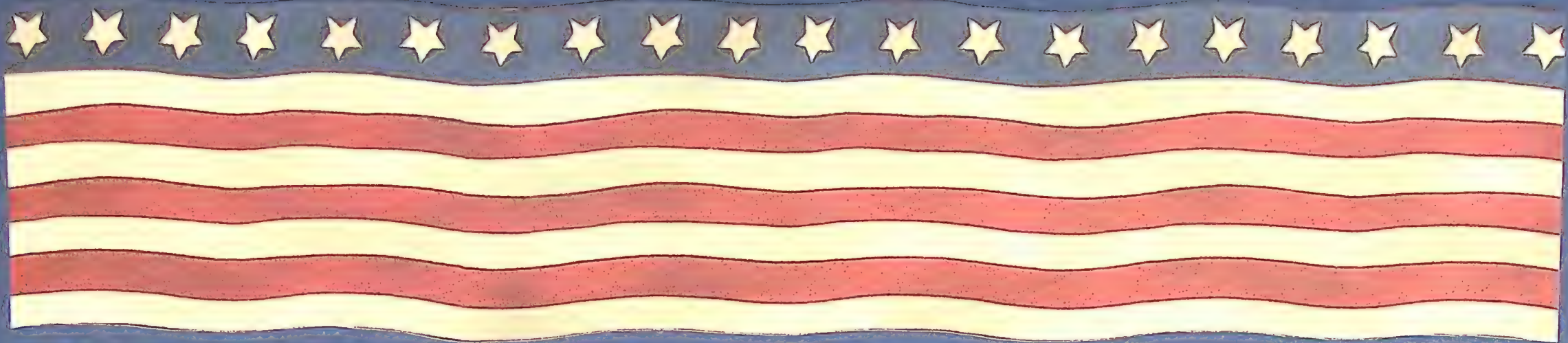
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Friday  
Sept. 3

[midwayswissdays.com](http://midwayswissdays.com)

Saturday  
Sept. 4

8:00 **MARKET OPENS** .....Town Square  
 9:00 *Swiss Miss Royalty* .....Swiss Miss & Attendants  
 9:20 *Buff Griffiths* .....Vocal  
 9:45 *Campfire Cowboys* .....Western  
 10:30 *Cheri Call* .....Guitar & Vocal  
 11:15 *Salzburger Echo* .....Alpine Band  
 12:00 *James Oneil Miner* .....Pianist  
 12:45 *Kerry Christensen* .....Yodeler  
 1:30 *Lee Fugal* .....Musical Mayhem  
 2:15 *Salzburger Echo* .....Alpine Band  
 3:00 *Mavin & Hobbs* .....Banjos  
 3:45 *Kerry Christensen* .....Yodeler  
 4:45 *James Oneil Miner* .....Pianist  
 5:30 *Lee Fugal* .....Musical Mayhem  
 6:00 **PARADE** .....Main Street  
 7:30 *Swiss Chorus and Bell Ringers* .....

7:00 **CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST\*** .....Town Square  
 7:00 **Pre-Register 10K RUN\*** .....City Park - Center St, 1st North  
 8:00 **10K RUN\*** .....City Park - Center St, 1st North  
 8:00 **MARKET OPENS** .....Town Square  
 9:00 *Swiss Miss Royalty* .....Swiss Miss & Attendants  
 9:20 *Andrew & Joeli Grose* .....Vocal Duet  
 10:00 **PARADE** .....Main Street  
 10:45 *Letter Carriers Band* .....  
 11:45 *Swiss Chorus* .....Sampler  
 12:00 *James Oneil Miner* .....Pianist  
 12:45 *Kerry Christensen* .....Yodeler  
 1:45 *Back Porch Gang* .....Barbershop  
 2:30 *The 4 Accords* .....Accordions  
 3:15 *James Oneil Miner* .....Pianist  
 4:00 *Kerry Christensen* .....Yodeler  
 5:00 *River Road Bluegrass Band* .....Bluegrass  
 7:30 *Swiss Chorus and Bell Ringers* .....

\*10K Run, Pre-Register \$16 before August 25, or \$20 thereafter  
 register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)  
 or print reg. form [www.midwayswissdays.com](http://www.midwayswissdays.com)  
 or contact Mark (801) 376-8028 or [mark@realrunners.com](mailto:mark@realrunners.com)

**Midway Town Hall Entertainment**  
**Midway Swiss Chorus & Hand Bell Ringers**  
**Present**  
**"A Look Back"**

**Thursday & Friday 7:30 p.m. & Saturday 2:30 p.m.**

Swiss Chorus Director: Marilyn Norris, Asst. Director: Nadine Turner  
 Guest Soloist: Roberta Shore  
 Hand Bell Ringers' Director: Debbie Foreman

*Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Hawthorn Camp Museum & the Sons of the Utah Pioneers*  
*-West entry of the Town Hall-*

Watch for Shuttle Pick-up (100 N. 100 W.) and Package Drop-off at the Town Square Church  
 Midway City Ordinance: "No Pets Allowed on Town Square"



# Honored Citizens for 2004



**Earl Watson and Leah McDonald Houtz**

Earl was born on April 30th, 1914, in Salt Lake City to Martin Alex Houtz and Myrtle Edith Guiver. Earl graduated from Wasatch High School in 1933. He worked in the mines in Park City and worked on the family farm with his father. He went to work at U.S. Steel in 1952 and retired in 1977.

Leah was born in Daniels on October 28th, 1921, to Joseph C. McDonald and Minnie Sonderegger. Her grandparents are Johannes Sonderegger and Bertha Buehler, two of the original Swiss Immigrants to Midway. Leah is very proud of her Swiss heritage. Leah worked as a nurse in the old Heber Hospital while raising a family, doing community service, and serving in her church.

Earl loved to dance and that was how he and Leah met. They courted for a year and married in July of 1940 in Manti, Utah. They lived in Daniels for almost two years and then moved to Midway in April of 1942 and have lived in the same home ever since.

Earl and Leah are parents of five children: Joyce (Leslie) Olsen, Barbara Jean (Brent) Rosengreen, Val Houtz, Larry (Malinda) Houtz, and Steven Earl (Kim) Houtz. They are grandparents to twenty-one grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Earl and Leah are charter members of the Midway Boosters. Earl is a former booster president. He has put his heart and soul into having the annual Swiss Day's celebration be a success while he served on numerous past Midway Days, Midway Harvest Days and Swiss Day's committees. Up until the last couple of years, they have been actively involved in the preliminary planning for Swiss Days as well as working in booths. In the beginning years they always built a family float for the parade.

They are active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Their lives are richly blessed while giving service to their church, in which they each have held numerous positions of leadership. They have served two missions, one to the Philippines and the other to the Chicago Temple Mission. Leah's long-time desire was fulfilled when she was asked to play the organ in the Chicago Temple.

Their daughter, Joyce, recalls, "When I think of my parents, I think of their great service to their family, community and church. I remember Dad's large garden, sharing the produce harvested from it with all the neighbors. I remember Mom's bottled fruit and vegetables, and we can't forget all the sauerkraut that was pounded and bottled for the winter. She did this for her own family and for neighbors. They shared all they had and never wasted time. They worked hard but always took time to play with their family."

Earl, at 90 years of age, still drives taking friends and neighbors to the store, doctors and other needed places. Leah, legally blind, still bakes Swiss Bread for members of the community and Earl delivers the bread. Earl drives a car load to the Senior Citizen Center every Monday evening and on Thursdays for Senior dinners. They are currently two of the Friendly Caller volunteers for the Senior Citizens. Earl is a Security Guard for his church.

Their lives are an inspiration to others and they have always lived by asking the question, "In what way can I help?" Perhaps we will never know the number of times help, love, and support are given, as they find answers to this question.

# SWISS MISS ROYALTY



Left to Right  
Top Row:  
Abby Hobbs, Kimberly Kohler,  
Rachel Kohler, Hannah Kelson  
Bottom Row:  
Regan Zite

**Swiss Miss Regan Zite** - Regan is the ten year old daughter of Ed and Jan Zite. Regan has three brothers and a sister who all love her. She will be going into fifth grade at Midway Elementary. Regan clogs with Mountain Valley Extreme and tumbles with Heber Handspringers where she competes in both on a National level. She also plays the piano and violin. Regan enjoys most sports and loves to ski. But her favorite thing to do is spend time with her family and play with her friends. Regan is so excited to take part in Swiss Day's and absolutely loves living in Midway.

**1st Attendant Hannah Kelson** - Hannah is a ten year old honor student at Midway Elementary and is looking forward to her fifth grade year. She participates on the Wasatch Dance Center "Company" team where she has specialized in dance for the past 5 years. Hannah is in voice training as well as piano and enjoys performing when she has an opportunity. She excels in all types of athletics, her favorite being basketball and softball. Hannah enjoys spending time with her family and many friends. She is excited to be part of the Swiss Miss Royalty this year. Hannah's proud parents are Clint and Mindi Kelson and she has two younger sisters, who adore her, Emma and Charley.

**Attendant Abby Hobbs** - Abby is the daughter of Barry and Lorie Hobbs. She is ten years old and is in the fifth grade at Midway Elementary School. She loves school and has had the enriching opportunity of participating in the district's new gifted program. She especially likes reading and creative writing. Abby participates in a variety of activities and loves everything she does. She is an enthusiastic basketball player and really enjoys playing Jr Jazz as well as many other sports and outdoor activities. She takes especially good care of her much beloved cat, Tiptoe. Performing is one of Abby's favorite things and she once played the role of Dorothy in the *Wizard of Oz*. She is a talented singer, loves to dance and is a member of the Broadway Performing group. Abby also plays the violin and the piano. Abby is having a fantastic time as a Swiss Miss. She loves representing Midway as part of the Swiss Miss Royalty and it is helping her learn about and remember her own Swiss heritage.

**Attendant Rachael Kohler** - Rachael is the youngest child and only girl in her family of five older brothers. Her name Rachael comes from her four great-great grandmothers who share the same name. Her Last name Kohler comes from her ancestors that came from Switzerland four generations ago and settled in Midway. Rachael will be in the seventh grade this year. She enjoys sports of all kinds, mainly soccer and basketball. She is on the county competition soccer team. Her first love is playing the piano, but she also plays the violin. She performs with the River Meadows Ballet Company doing ballet and jazz Dance. Her love of life, however, comes from being with her family and associating with her many cousins. She is the daughter of Mike and Laurie Kohler.

**Attendant Kimberly Kohler** - Kimberly is the oldest and only daughter of John and Sunny Kohler. She has three younger brothers Blake, Carson and Ben. Her ancestors were some of the first settlers in Midway. Kimberly will soon be 11. She is very excited to start the school year in fifth grade at Midway Elementary. Her talents are voice, piano and dance. She studies dance at Academy of Dance where she is a member of the dance team. Her hobbies and loves are swimming, softball, reading, camping and scrap booking. Kimberly is very proud of her Swiss heritage and honored to share her love of Midway with others.





## September



**Every Thursday in Sept: Heber Valley Farmers Market** - Shop for Utah's best produce, arts and crafts, barbecue and bakery items each Thursday between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm, through September 30 at the Heber City Park (200 South Main Street). Come early to shop, then stay for the FREE concert beginning at 6:30 pm. For vendor information, call **435-654-4555**.

**Every Thursday in Sept: Concerts in the Park Series** - at the Heber City Park at 6:30pm. Enjoy free entertainment provided by fabulous musicians. Bring your picnic basket and blanket or lawn chairs and join us for a fun evening of top-rate entertainment.

**Sept 3-6: Soldier Hollow Classic International Sheepdog Championships, Highland Games & Fiber Festival** - Second annual event where dogs and trainers from around the world will compete. International food and products will be available. Call Soldier Hollow, 435-654-2002 or Mark Peterson, 435-649-6619, or visit [www.soldierhollowclassic.com](http://www.soldierhollowclassic.com) for more information.

**Sept 3: Inn on the Creek Dinner & Jazz Revue** - Pauline Perry and the Up the Creek Band perform a musical variety following dinner prepared by Executive Chef Charlie Perry. 435-654-0892

**Sept 3 & 17: Sunset Special BBQ Train** - Fun-filled Sunset Special evening train rides featuring BBQ dinner and first class entertainment. 6:00pm Call the HVRR at 435-654-5601.

**Sept 3-4: 57th Annual Swiss Days Celebration** - A fabulous, two-day celebration of Midway's heritage featuring one of the top craft fairs in the country, delicious food, non-stop entertainment, parades and more. Thousands attend this gathering every year! Vendor applications available at [www.midwayswissdays.com](http://www.midwayswissdays.com), 435-654-4158

**Sept 4: Swiss Days 10K Race** - Great compliment to Swiss Days festivities and a fun run for any level of competitor ages 10 to 70. Entry forms- [www.midwayswissdays.com](http://www.midwayswissdays.com), 435-654-2762.

**Sept 4, 11, 18, 25: Murder Mystery Train** - When the train departs, we'll need your help to solve the crime! The fun begins at 6:00 pm at the old depot. Call HVRR at 654-5601.

**Sept 4: Junior Ranger Program: Preparing for Winter at Wasatch Mtn. State Park** - Ages 6-12 are invited to come and learn cool stuff about nature & earn a Jr. Ranger badge and certificate. Meet at the Campground Office from 11 am to 12 pm. Free to the public. 435-654-1791

**Sept 10-11: Friends of Strawberry Valley Wildlife Festival** - Annual festival features demonstrations, crafts, entertainment and food - all centered around the fabulous Kokanee Salmon run and abundant wildlife sightings that take place this time of year. For more information, contact Daniels Summit Lodge at (800) 519-9969 or Strawberry Visitor Center at (435) 548-2321.

**Sept 11: Provo River Run at Soldier Hollow** - A gradual, downhill 20K run starts at Soldier Hollow en route to Provo. For more information, call Soldier Hollow at **435-654-2002**

**Sept 11-12: 24 Hours of Soldier Hollow Mountain Bike Race** - A 24-hour mountain bike race. Food, entertainment, camping and games for kids. 435-654-2002 [www.acclivityproductions.com](http://www.acclivityproductions.com)

**Sept 16-- : The Children's Theatre Group** - holds theatre class and auditions for their December production of **The Nutcracker** at 'Swiss Christmas'. Classes 4-5 pm Thursdays at Midway Town Hall beginning the 16th. Contact Ann Moulton 654-2083 or Laurie Tournblom 654-0640.

**Sept 17-18: Mountain Band Showdown at Soldier Hollow** - Featuring eight of the top bluegrass, country and mountain bands in the Intermountain West. Cash and other prizes, and great jam sessions. Call Soldier Hollow at 435-654-2002



# A Look Back

## Swiss Chorus and Bell Ringers play the old favorites

BY ROBIN JOHNSON  
Wave Staff Writer

Traditional music formed the foundation for this year's Swiss Chorus and Bell Ringers program presented in Midway's Town Hall to a full house on Friday and Saturday during Swiss Days. The program culminated in a patriotic tribute in honor of war veterans and soldiers currently serving our country and audiences were the appreciative recipients of a few surprises.

"A Look Back" was chosen for this year's program title after a survey was sent to former members of the Swiss Chorus. Overwhelmingly those who responded said they would like to see the choir sing the music they used to sing, particularly those songs that pleased the crowds coming to Swiss Days, such as "Edelweiss" and "The Happy Wanderer."

One change this year was the addition of a program director and a choir recruiter. This new assignment fell to Charlene Johnson. Johnson worked hard to recruit members for the choir and membership was up this year over the last few years. Directing the program also took much of Johnson's time.

Past choir directors have had the responsibility to recruit and direct the program along with preparing the music. This year Marilyn Norris, Swiss Chorus director, and Nadine Turner, assistant director, were able to focus all of their attention on preparing the choir for performance leaving all other details in Johnson's capable hands. Norris brought out the choir's shine on numbers like "Oklahoma" and "Dry Bones." Turner caught their more serious side

with "Black is the Color of My true Love's Hair" and "Vienna, City of Dreams."

Marilyn Larsen, Swiss Chorus piano accompanist, broke her wrist in July. Donna Lloyd took her place this year. Niles Steiner, inventor of an Electronic Valve instrument, also accompanied, often times giving the feeling a small orchestra was present. Dancers whirled across the stage for two of the choir's numbers.

Debra Foreman, Swiss Bell Ringers director,

also choose traditional pieces for the bell choir. Foreman was able to bring out the best in the small crew of eight ringers. The addition of a harp, a flute and an English horn on a couple of numbers added another dimension of sound for the audience and challenge for the ringers.

The highlight of the program was the choir's patriotic tribute planned by Johnson. The Statue of Liberty made her appearance during "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor." Robert Shore, the performer who originally released "Let There Be Peace On Earth," was soloist for this number. Local Veterans graced the stage with the Statue of Liberty for "God Bless America," and received a rousing welcome from the audience. In the middle of this number came yet another delight for the audience, a 12 by 20 foot flag was suddenly lowered as a backdrop as the local Veterans saluted. For their encore the choir sang "You're a Grand Old Flag" as a wind machine gently blew the flag behind them.

In the tradition of programs from yesterday everyone left Midway's Town Hall uplifted by word and music.











## Bonnie Bezzant's Flag

Midway has its share of Betsy Ross's. Over one hundred years ago Mary Jane Roby Epperson made a flag from bed sheets for her husband, Major Sydney H. Epperson, to fly over Fort Midway and carry on The Black Hawk Indian War campaigns in 1866 to 67.

Last month Bonnie Bezzant made a 15 by 20 foot flag to hang as a backdrop in this year's Swiss Chorus program. Bezzant is the wife of Reed Bezzant, Midway's Mayor from 1990 to 1994.

Charlene Johnson, director of the Swiss Chorus program, asked Bezzant to sew the flag when she learned Bezzant had made one before. Bezzant said no one remembers what happened to the first one she made. Bezzant wasn't sure she wanted to tackle the task again, but she did. The project took over the Bezzant's family room for three days.

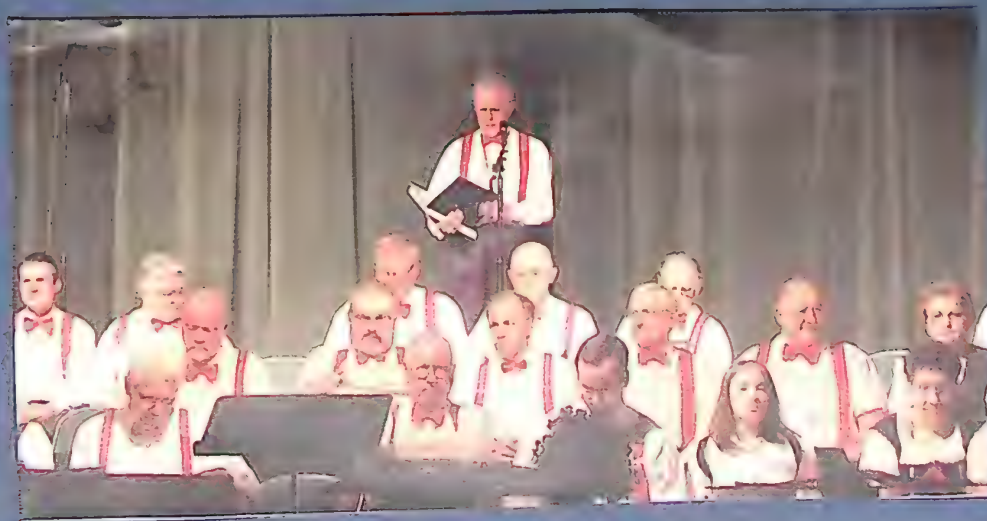
"It was a lot of work," Bezzant said. "First I cut out all the stripes, then I sewed them together one at a time, I did the long ones first, then the short ones. It took a long time, but I did it in three days."

"It was quite a challenge sewing it together, when you've got all these stripes floating around you and you are trying to get them through the sewing machine," Bezzant continued. "Reed did help hold it."

Bezzant said Johnson used stitch witchery and ironed all the stars onto the field of blue. According to Bezzant the material was some sort of polyester satin that doesn't wrinkle.

"We had it rolled up tight each night, and when it dropped you couldn't even tell," Bezzant said. "It all worked out good, I was very pleased with it."

Bezzant said the audience reaction each night made all her work worthwhile.





# William Tell Play Part Of Swiss Days

Director - Piper Riddle  
Assistant director - Vickie Remund

Choreographers - Tara Wall and Beth Wegner

Thirty children from ranging in ages from 3 years - 17 years have been practicing for the past twelve weeks to make this play a success. While other children played in sprinklers, they faithfully


attended weekly practices through the summer. And, despite some stage fright and a few jitters, they are excited to perform! We have an extremely talented group of children who can sing, dance, and ACT! Matthew and Michael Clegg, who play our hero, William Tell, and the villain, Governor Gessler, are especially dramatic and sure to keep you on your toes!

The play tells the story of the

famous Swiss patriot, William Tell, who fought for freedom. The music includes a variety of Swiss songs, and of course, the William Tell Overture. Special features are the Guard Dance, the dance of the Blackbirds, and the grand finale dance number, "In Switzerland".

We are especially excited about the music this year. Thanks to the labors of Mike and Beth Wegner, who volunteered a great deal of

time and talent, we have a digital-ly recorded CD of the William Tell music. The quality is outstanding and will last for years to come. Thank you, Wegners!

Thank you to all the children and parents who worked so hard to make this play come together! 





# The Swiss Chorus and Swiss Bell Ringers Present Program

by Robin Johnson

**A** Look Back" is the theme chosen for this year's program. Both the Swiss Chorus and the Swiss Bell Ringers are under new directors this season. Marilyn Norris, Swiss Chorus Director and Nadine Turner, Assistant Director, have chosen fifteen pieces of new music purchased for the choir by the Midway Boosters.



"We sent out a questionnaire to former members of the Swiss Chorus and asked what would it take to get them back?" Gary Lloyd, Midway Boosters President said. "We had 125 responses and about 80 percent said they wanted to go back to the standard music sung by the choir years and years ago."

Some of the pieces the choir will be performing are "Black is the Color of My True Love's Hair," "Oklahoma," "Dry Bones," "Edelweiss." "Vienna, City of Dreams" and "No Man Is An Island." They will end with a patriotic tribute including, "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor."

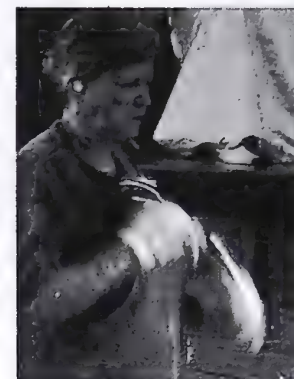
Swiss Chorus accompanist Marilyn Larsen broke her wrist several weeks ago. Donna Lloyd has stepped in and has been practicing hard to fill in this year for Larsen. Lloyd said there are between 40 to

50 members of the choir. A guest appearance will be made by a soloist who performed as Roberta Shore during the patriotic portion of the program.

The Swiss Bell Choir is under the direction of Debra Foreman. Lloyd said it is a little tougher to get people to play bells than it is to get them to sing.

"It takes a lot of talent to learn to play the bells," Lloyd said. There are currently nine members in the bell choir.

The Swiss Bell Choir will perform "Interlude in B Minor," "Humoresque," "Paf et Medio" and "The Happy Ringer." Bell ringer Laura Martin and her daughters Stephanie and Kristine will be guest soloists for several numbers. Laura plays the harp, Stephanie plays the flute and Kristine plays the English horn.



Director Debra Foreman



Guest flute soloist Stephanie Martin







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# ***Honored Citizens for 2004***



***Earl Watson and Leah McDonald Houtz***

Earl was born on April 30th, 1914, in Salt Lake City to Martin Alex Houtz and Myrtle Edith Guiver. Earl graduated from Wasatch High School in 1933. He worked in the mines in Park City and worked on the family farm with his father. He went to work at U.S. Steel in 1952 and retired in 1977.

Leah was born in Daniels on October 28th, 1921, to Joseph C. McDonald and Minnie Sonderegger. Her grandparents are Johannes Sonderegger and Bertha Buehler, two of the original Swiss Immigrants to Midway. Leah is very proud of her Swiss heritage. Leah worked as a nurse in the old Heber Hospital while raising a family, doing community service, and serving in her church.

Earl loved to dance and that was how he and Leah met. They courted for a year and married in July of 1940 in Manti, Utah. They lived in Daniels for almost two years and then moved to Midway in April of 1942 and have lived in the same home ever since.

Earl and Leah are parents of five children: Joyce (Leslie) Olsen, Barbara Jean (Brent) Rosengreen, Val Houtz, Larry (Malinda) Houtz, and Steven Earl (Kim) Houtz. They are grandparents to twenty-one grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Earl and Leah are charter members of the Midway Boosters. Earl is a former booster president. He has put his heart and soul into having the annual Swiss Day's celebration be a success while he served on numerous past Midway Days, Midway Harvest Days and Swiss Day's committees. Up until the last couple of years, they have been actively involved in the preliminary planning for Swiss Days as well as working in booths. In the beginning years they always built a family float for the parade.

They are active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Their lives are richly blessed while giving service to their church, in which they each have held numerous positions of leadership. They have served two missions, one to the Philippines and the other to the Chicago Temple Mission. Leah's long-time desire was fulfilled when she was asked to play the organ in the Chicago Temple.

Their daughter, Joyce, recalls, "When I think of my parents, I think of their great service to their family, community and church. I remember Dad's large garden, sharing the produce harvested from it with all the neighbors. I remember Mom's bottled fruit and vegetables, and we can't forget all the sauerkraut that was pounded and bottled for the winter. She did this for her own family and for neighbors. They shared all they had and never wasted time. They worked hard but always took time to play with their family."

Earl, at 90 years of age, still drives taking friends and neighbors to the store, doctors and other needed places. Leah, legally blind, still bakes Swiss Bread for members of the community and Earl delivers the bread. Earl drives a car load to the Senior Citizen Center every Monday evening and on Thursdays for Senior dinners. They are currently two of the Friendly Caller volunteers for the Senior Citizens. Earl is a Security Guard for his church.

Their lives are an inspiration to others and they have always lived by asking the question, "In what way can I help?" Perhaps we will never know the number of times help, love, and support are given, as they find answers to this question.







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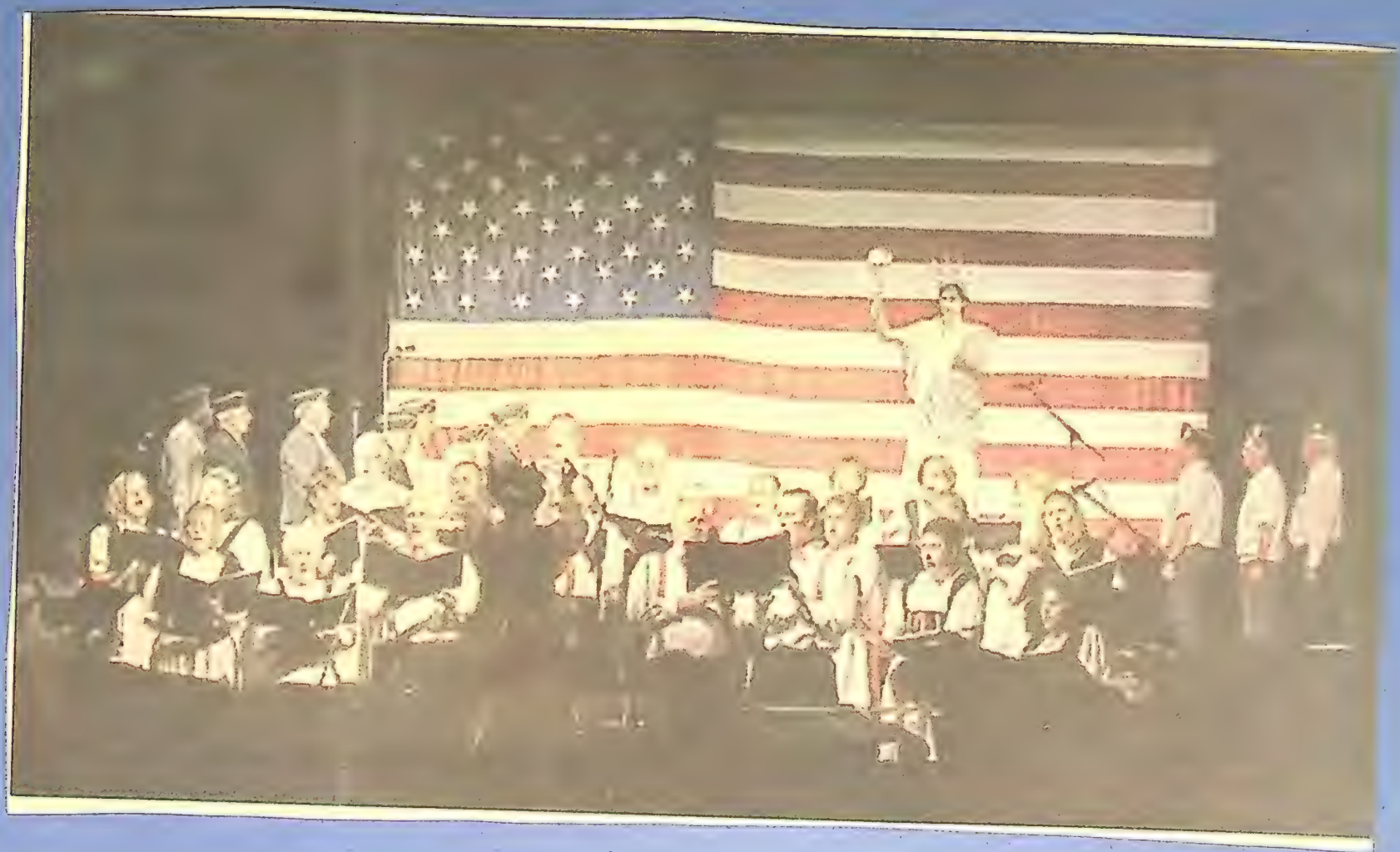








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